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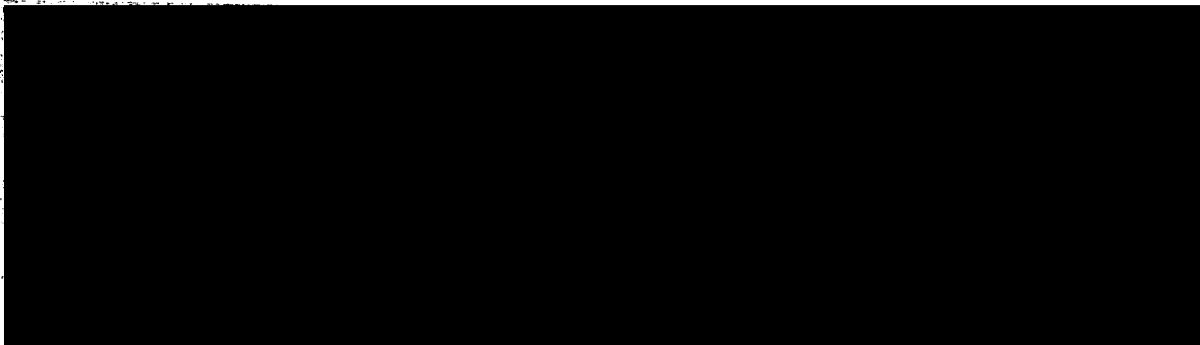
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1. Since 25 June 1951 Shoukuoling (瘦狗岭), on the outskirts of Canton near the White Cloud Mountains, has been a restricted military area because of the construction of fortifications. By mid-July, 13 barracks, 18 machine-gun emplacements and 25 fortifications with four anti-aircraft guns, 12 anti-aircraft machine guns and one searchlight had been constructed.

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2. In January 1951, the Central and South China Military and Administrative Committee authorized the start of construction of the Central China Arsenal in areas near Shih-tung (石洞), approximately 60 li from Wuch'ang. More than 6,000 laborers had nearly completed the arsenal by 3 June. Soviet technicians controlled the use of approximately 1,000 boxes of installations supplied by the USSR.

3. The arsenal's 22 large factories, each 22 feet high, 30 feet wide and 80 feet long are divided into four groups of eight buildings. The arsenal's 40 small factories surround the large factories. More than 100 palisades were erected in the factory area.

4. A diagram of the project follows:

Shih-tung

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Legend

Canton-Hankow Railway

Wuch'ang-Chink'ou Highway

Yangtze River

Shih-tung

Chih-feng

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